

THE REHEARSAL.

1. The *Observer* has made a *Rod* for Himself, which wou'd *Scourge* him and all the *Whiggs* to *Death*.
2. He Writes *Direct Treason* against the *Queen*, and *Spirits* up the *People* to *Rebellion*.
3. A *Prodigy* in this *Nation*, of *Preaching* and *Printing* so *Publickly* for *Coercion* upon the *Government*!
4. The *Queen* Threatn'd with the *Example* of her *Royal Grand-Father*. And the *Laws* made the *Chief Instrument* of his *Ruin*! Who *Cut off* his *Head*?
5. How the *Observer* comes to *Call* *Oliver* an *Usurper*. The *Reason* of the *Rage* of the *Whiggs* against the *Church*.
6. He *Falsely* and most *Villainously* *Charges* *King* *Char. I.* with *Invading* the *Constitution* of *Parlament* by *Military Force*. It was the *Parlament* began the *War*.
7. He *falsly* *Asperges* the *Revolution* with *Asserting* the *Coercive Power* of *Parlaments* over *Tyrants*.

WEDNESDAY, September 15. 1708.

(1.) *Country-man.* **B**Y the *Observer's* *Doctrin*, *Master*, he wou'd *Hang* himself, and a many more! Even all the *Whiggs* and *Dissemblers*, who do not *Revere* the *Church*, but *Plow* against her, *Vilify* and *Defame* her. *Nay*, by *Lambard* and his *Saxon Laws*, that *King* (or *Queen*) who shou'd *Spare* any of them, *Deserves* not the *Name* of a *King*, and (as the *Observer* understands these *Laws*) ought to be *Depos'd*.

Rehearsal. You see what a *Rod* the *Observer* has *Bound* up *Finely*, to *Whip* Himself. But he wants some body to *Lay* it on—

(2.) *Country-m.* That's a *Pity*! *Master*. But you have done pretty well. I believe by this time you have made him *Weary* of his *Saxon Laws*. And you have *Ruin'd* all his *Defences* for *Coercion*. *Nay*, you have brought him in for *Treason* too. For if to *Say* and *Print* it, That every *Free-Born English* man has *Power* to pull the *Queen's* *Crown* off her *Head*, be not *Treason*, then ther can be none in *Words* or *Writing*. And the *Observer* do's all he can to make the *People* of *England* *Fond* of this *Power* he puts in them. Which is all the *Mischief* he can do: And it is a great deal. It makes the *People* perfect *Tinder* for *Rebellion*. Ther is no *Government* can be so *Administer'd*, but some will be *Disoblig'd*, and ther will be *Parties* and—

Designs. And these *Principles* of the *Whiggs* gives every *Discontented Party* full *Power* and *Authority* to *Raise* *Rebellion* whenever they Can. All *Obligations* as to *Conscience* are taken *Quite* out of the *Way*!

(3.) *Rehears.* I believe ther is not a *Nation* upon the face of the *Earth* (except this) where the *Doctrin* of *Coercion* upon the *Government* is *Publickly* *Preach'd* in the *Pulpits* and *Justify'd* in *Print* among all the *People*!

Country-m. And which is more *Strange*, *Master*, you that *Write* against *Coercion*, do it at your *Peril*! And the *Government* is *Hunted* upon you, for this, by the *Coercion-Men*! Who think they *Merit* from the *Government* by it! And *Plead* for themselves, That it makes against the *Government*, to free the *Government* from the *Coercion* of their *Subjects*! And that none ought to be *Trusted* or *Employ'd* by the *Queen* whose *Principles* do not put her *Life* and *Crown* at the *Mercy* of every *Boor* in *Britain*. And that such are her *Best Subjects*! But that whosoever wou'd *Save* her from *Coercion*, is her *Enemy*, wou'd *Destroy* her, and ought not to be *Suffer'd* to *Come* near her! And they *Brand* these with the *Name* of *Tories*, *High-Church*, *Jacobites* and even *Papists*.

(4.) *Rehears.*

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Country-m. This is *Paradox* again! And Threatning with a *Vengeance* to the *Queen*, what will become of her, if she take not the same Method her *Grand-Father* did to Ruin himself, that is, to Trust them with the Power who are for the *Deposing-Doxtrin*, and the *Principle of Coercion*! And then, tho' they shoud Cut off her Head (which God avert) it would be the *Tories* and *High-Church* brought her to her Ruin! [They have told us already she has a fine *White Neck*! (See *Vol.* 1. N. 39) They are Smacking their Lips before hand!] And you, *Master*, wou'd come in as an *Accomplice* for speaking against *Coercion*! Just as *Arch-Bishop Laud* and the other *Loyal Divines* of the *Church of England* are brought in by the *Observer* for Preaching the same *Doxtrin*! But you have told Us it is no other than what our *Laws* do Teach Us. And may not the *Clergy* speak in Defence of the *Laws* of the *Land*, when they are Agreeable and Consonant to the *Law of God*? And had not the *King* more Reason to trust to the *Laws* of the *Land*, than to any *Sermon* Preach'd before him? So that the *Laws* come in (more than the *Clergy*) as Contributing to the Ruin of that Gracious Prince! And thus it is the *Law* makes Sin! For where ther is no *Law*, ther is no *Transgression*.

But, *Master*, whoever Contributed to his Ruin, the *Observer* will not say it was the *Cavaliers* Cut off his Head. So that his Ruin (come how it will) was in being put into those Hands who Justify'd the *Principle of Coercion*. And never fail'd to Practice it, when it was in their Power. And we may safely say, Never will. For wou'd you not have Men Act according to their *Principles*?

(5.) *Rehears.* But the *Observer*, N. 48. says, That *Oliver* the *Usurper*—

Country-m. Hold, *Master*. Do's he call *Oliver* an *Usurper*? How will this stand with his *Principle of Power* in the *People*? For was it not the *People* set up *Oliver*? And a good Many *People* too, else he had Never Conquer'd the *King*. And was not the *King* Try'd in the Name and by the Authority of all the good *People* of *England*? And

do's the *Observer* think all this was Wrong?

Rehears. No, *Country-Man*. He Approves it all at his Heart. And wou'd Do it again, and so wou'd all his Party if they Cou'd. It is the *Tories* and *High-Church* stand in their way, which makes them Mad against them, out of all Reason! And his Calling *Oliver* an *Usurper* is but the Copy of his Countenance, and to Comply with the Iniquity (as he thinks) of the Times.

(6.) But now I'll go on to shew how he makes *Oliver* Copy after *K. Char.* 1. as he says. And that was, by Invading the Constitution of *Parliament* with a *Military Force*. As you will find it in the Conclusion of that *Observer*.

Country-m. O Villain! Here he sticks his Venom'd Dart in the Heart of the *King*! Worse than the Ax that Cut off his Head! But he shoud first have Answer'd the *King* himself, who in his Speech upon the Scaffold Appeal'd to the Dates of the *Commission*, of His and the *Parliaments*, which of them Began the War,

(7.) *Rehears.* But he says (*ibid.*) That the Convention and following *Parliaments* (since the Revolution) have Re-Asserted the Coercive power of *Parliaments* over *Tyrants*.

Country-m. That is News indeed! I'm sure you told me otherwise, That ther is no Aff of *Parliament* since the Revolution that Asserts the Coercive power of *Parliaments* over *Kings*.

Rehears. No. But he says over *Tyrants*. And he can Produce no such Aff neither since the Revolution. It is an Easie matter to Call any *King* a *Tyrant*. And who shall be Judge? The Revolution was Guilty of no such Blunders as these!

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